

Remarks

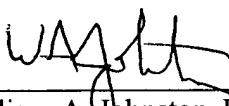
In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed 03/27/2006, Group I, claims 1-12 and 15-21, including Figs. 1-4 is elected without traverse.

Applicant also wishes to clarify the intent of new claim 18. Claim 18 is drawn to the subcombination with the coupler and hitch ball being inferentially claimed.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicant believes that this case is in a condition for allowance and an indication to that effect is earnestly solicited. Furthermore, if the Examiner believes that additional discussions or information might advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner should feel free to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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